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# Knight Shift

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## Spring Charity Rummage Sale Looms

The dates for our spring Charity Sale are April 16-17 and 23-24. Once again we have been blessed with abundance of merchandise. The furniture building is full, and Spirit Hall is brimming as other contributions continue to come in. We will continue to collect even as the sale arrives. Thanks to all those who have helped us. Our October sale set a council record with proceeds—almost \$16,000 before expenses. We are optimistic that the approaching sale will bring income at least rivaling that of the fall.

Several people, especially council wives, have already done much of the organization and pricing. **Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Gwen DeGruccio, Mildred Giompoletti, Martha Lockwood, Sue Wood, Carol Andrews, Chris Bosch, Audrey McDonald, Sandy Kortner and Jackie Smith** have spent the biggest part of several days doing advance work. So have council members **Joe Giompoletti, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Stan DeGruccio, Dennis Wood, Jack Andrews, Bob Kortner, Bill Thompson, Dick Smith, Rick Sands, Julian Post, and Tom Gilleran**. To be sure, much work remains, and we will need our usual number of volunteers during the week of the sale. Again we hope to have lunches prepared for the volunteers. Already, we have been promised lunch on the first sale day by the St. John's

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you are willing to prepare a lunch or to contribute to a lunch, please contact **Martha Lockwood** at 525-7022.

The new restroom in *Spirit Hall* will be in use by time of the sale. Under the leadership of **Joe Giompoletti**, it is nearing completion. Council member and master plumber **John Ledbetter** is contributing his plumbing skills. **Dick Smith** painted the interior.

Our ladies have helped us in another area. With cooperation from the Council of Catholic Women during their annual Palm Sunday bake sale, several ladies conducted a sale of the Knights' Easter decorations at St. John's Parish Hall and brought in \$83. We have never been able to sell Easter items at our sales because they always occur just after Easter has passed. We express appreciation for all they do for us. Without them, we couldn't do much. (See related article, p. 2)

## Good News!

Once again our council has been blessed with a large monetary gift: **\$13,000!** Our anonymous benefactor during the past two years has blessed us with two other similar gifts, enabling us to do much-needed building improvements such as new restrooms, kitchen improvements, and correction of air-conditioning/heating problems. Other improvements have been waiting for the means to do them. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for our donor's benevolence.

## Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights, I am pleased to write that we have enjoyed two successful events in succession—first, the Vocations Celebration in February and the St. Patrick's dinner celebration on March 13. Both events have generally been acclaimed as two of the best parties ever at our council hall. A lot of hard work went into making both so memorable. For the St. Patrick's event, **Tom Gilleran** headed up an outstanding team of decorators, cooks, and entertainers. Eye-catching decorations were put in place by **Don and Liz Sass, Bill and Dawn Thompson, Tom and Barbara Gilleran, Gil Gibbons, Dick Smith, and Dennis Wood**. Preparing an outstanding traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes, onions, and carrots head chef **Sarah Sands**, who cooked more than 50 pounds of corned beef and 30 heads of cabbage, was assisted by **Gil Gibbons and me**, who peeled 30 pounds of potatoes (We thought we were back in the military doing KP) **Liz Sass** also gave a helping hand. In the serving line, **Barbara Gilleran** dished out corned beef while **Sarah Sands** spooned out cabbage with carrots and potatoes and **Joe Palmere** served bread. The clean-up job was led by **Steve Barron**. Tackling those tough pots and pans were **Jim DeGeorge, Barbara, and Tom**. Entertainment for the evening came first from the Fun City Barbershop Chorus, who sang several songs as they moved from table to table and then during dinner performed Irish and barbershop tunes. The evening concluded with **Vali Barron** and her band **The Royal Celts** singing a good number of Irish tunes. A nice surprise was the contribution from the two talented youngsters who played the violin and mandolin in Vali's band. (Vali is the wife of council member **Steve Barron**.)

I thank **Joe Giompoletti** for getting together a crew to put in the septic system for the restroom in *Spirit Hall* and for bringing installation of the bathroom to the completion stage. Completion of the restroom has not happened without blood, sweat, and tears (**Don Sass'** blood following an accident involving a saw, **Bill Thompson's** sweat—40 pounds of it—and **Tom Gilleran's** tears when his hand was trapped in the tailgate of Dick Smith's truck). I also acknowledge the help from the uninjured: **Dennis Wood, Dennis Bosch, Dick Smith, Bill Thompson, John Ledbetter, and Bob Kortner**. And thanks to **Gary Dodd** of Consolidated Marble for his donations of poured marble used not only in the restroom in *Spirit Hall* but also in the kitchen in Thomas Hall.

Many council members are unaware that **Fr. Innocent Okore**, associate pastor at both St. John's and St. Mary's, agreed to be our new chaplain only to learn within a week that **Bishop Taylor** would transfer him to serve the church in West Helena. The departure of two of our priests within a month is a lot to digest. We are sorry to lose **Fr. Innocent** and **Fr. Erik**,  
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### Grand Knight's article, continued

especially so unexpectedly. We will miss them as our priests, and we regret that Fr. Innocent will be unable to serve as our chaplain. In the next column you will find his first and last article for ***Knight Shift***. We wish him the best as he moves to his new parish.

On a happier note, we have seven new council members, exemplified on March 14 at Sacred Heart Church in Hot Springs Village. Four live in Hot Springs and the remaining three in Arkadelphia. They are **Fr. Innocent Okore, David Myers, Conrad Stein, Doug Shackelford, Paul Huo, Robert Long, and Steve Dunn**. Accompanying them to the Village were **Newton White, Rick Sands, Joe Palmere, Cooper White, and Hans Purkott**.

On March 21 the Fourth Degree sponsored another successful pancake sale at St. John's Parish Hall. (see **Fourth Degree article below**)

The annual Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention is set for April 23-25 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 201 S. Shackelford Road, Little Rock. Rate for the hotel is \$109 for Single/Double. Reservations can be made direct to the hotel at 501-223-3000 or toll free at 866-276-6648. For information on activities for ladies, contact Grand Knight **Rick Sands at 276-8066**. At our last business meeting **Rick Sands and Dennis Bosch** were selected as official delegates, and **Newton White and Joe Palmere** were named as alternates.

We are planning a Living Rosary followed by a potluck dinner in May, the month dedicated to Mary. May ***Knight Shift*** will include additional details about the event./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**



### Rummage Sale Postscript: For the Ladies

In conjunction with the coming rummage sale, some of our ladies would, for the first time, like to try a bake sale from the council hall, beginning Friday, April 16. This notice is extended to ladies who are unable to work the sale as well as those who do. If you would be willing to provide a cake or other pastries for this event, please express your willingness to **Liz Sass at 767-2780**.



### Fourth Degree—Footnotes

On the evening of March 18, members of the Fourth Degree Assembly, along with their wives, enjoyed one of our largest gatherings at Don Juan Restaurant. As usual, the food was great and the fellowship equally so. Our next meeting will be at the K. C. Hall at 6 p.m. on April 15. **Rick Sands** is preparing the dinner with ribs as the entrée. You know they'll be good.

On March 21 The Assembly served a pancake breakfast to at least 106 people. There were 10 to 15 children, 10 years old or younger, who were served free. Breakfast also included eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Gross income from this event was \$626, which will help fund our charitable endeavors. Workers at the breakfast included **Dick and Jackie Smith, Robert and Amy Rowe, Larry Nieman, Joe Petruk, Joe Giampoletti, Randy Schnoebelen, Stan DeGruccio, Newton White, Zack Nehus, Steve Gallimore, Tom Gilleran, and Bill Wavering**.

On the evening of March 11 five Assembly members in regalia traveled to Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton to join the Honor Guard gathered to celebrate the 10th birthday of the Adoration Chapel. Our participants were **Newton White, Tony Torres, Zack Nehus, Larry Heisserer, and Iturba Percefull**.

### From Our Chaplain

(Editor's Comment: **Father Innocent Okore** submitted the following article as his first contribution to ***Knight Shift***. Unfortunately for the council, it will also be his last. Fr. Innocent has found that he is to be unexpectedly—and suddenly—transferred to the West Helena parish)

### Living a Resurrected Life

"In the world you will have trouble, but be brave: I have conquered the world." (*John 16:33*) Here Jesus reminds us of the reality of suffering and adversity but also assures us of his assistance. Everyone goes through adversity—be it sickness, loss of job or loved one, strained relationships, and others. In the face of this inevitable reality of life, it is easy to become negative or bitter and sometimes lose enthusiasm for life with the question, "Why me?" Some are even caught in the web of their painful past and focus on those who have hurt them. They have a victim mentality of always blaming someone else.

Living a resurrected life, therefore, becomes a weapon of those who overcome. It urges them to realize that in every challenge, every adversity, they have faced, God deposited something inside: HOPE. They are not defined by their situations but rather they are prepared by them.

Jesus endured pain on the cross by focusing on the joy set before him. That joy, as it is written, will come from "what eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him." (*1 Cor: 2-9*) What are you focusing on today? Who hurt you? How unfair it was? Or are you focusing on your dreams and your goals, knowing that your best days are at hand? Even though adversities may seem like stumbling blocks, God can use them as stepping-stones to take you to a higher level.

Keep your life in a positive perspective. Stay in faith. Trust in God's plan for you. Shake off the painful past. Shake off every disappointment. Shake off every injustice done to you. Shake off every failure. Let today be a new beginning in your life. For "we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us." (*2 Cor.:4-7*) "We know that all things work for good to those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (*Rom 8:28*) What then shall we say to this? "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" (*Rom 8:31-32*) "Hope does not disappoint." *Rom 5: 5*/

### Remain Blessed and Happy Easter, Father Innocent



### Flags for St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, several council members were on hand at Calvary Cemetery to raise the flags. On hand to assist were **John Macchietto, John Steinhaus, Julian Post, Ed McManus, Newton White, Rick Sands, Iturba Percefull, Harold Hager, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, Larry Bauer, Joe Dierks and Tom Gilleran**. Prior to raising the flags, all present enjoyed visiting over coffee and donuts. The next Flag-raising event will be Memorial Day on May 31.

### Latest Bar News

With oppressive taxes—county and state—hanging over us if we continue the bar sales as in the past, a council vote at the March 11 meeting determined that from this point sales will cease. Instead, while wine, beer, and liquor will be available, members and guests will offer a donation. This plan is obviously on trial. We cannot continue a losing operation, so we will soon determine whether donations are adequate to continue. The Village council has followed this plan successfully.

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### April Birthdays

- 1 **Jim Reiter**
- 2 **Bart Newman**
- 4 **Jimmy Bolt**
- 12 **Don Sass**
- 14 **Brian Charles**
- 14 **Joe Petruk**
- 16 **Evan Archer**
- 22 **Leon Coulombe**
- 25 **Nolan Bramlett**
- 29 **David Meeks**
- 29 **Leonard O'Donovan**

### Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Ann Witovec, Bill Thompson, Jim Maguire, Shirley Donahue, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, Earl and DeDe Robbins, Val Poe, Hattie Harris, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

### April Calendar

- 8 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 8 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30**
- 15 **Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.**
- 16-17 **Charity Rummage Sale (See article, 23-24 p. 1)**
- 23-25 **State Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Little Rock (see Grand Knight's article, p. 2)**

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# Happy Easter!



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